Book Notice

George W. Cox. 1999. **Alien species in North America and Hawaii: Impacts on natural ecosystems.** (ISBN 1-55963-680-7, pbk.). Island Press, 1718 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20009, U.S.A. (**Orders:** University of Chicago Distribution Center, 11030 S. Landley Ave., Chicago, IL 60628, U.S.A.; 800-621-2736, custserv@pres.uchicago.edu). $45.00, 387 pp., 6" × 9".

Hopefully, most biologists have known of this book for several years. Tightly organized, easily readable, laden with interesting information and interpretation, a truly remarkable overview.

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1. The threat of exotics: Biotic pollution
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11. Western floodplains: Disturbing the disturbance regime
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